

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USNATO 06789 01 OF 02 111440Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 OMB-01 EB-08 NSC-05 CIAE-00
PM-05 INR-10 L-03 ACDA-12 NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15
SP-02 ICA-11 TRSE-00 OIC-02 COME-00 OES-09 DODE-00
H-01 /111 W
-----088593 111450Z /41
P 111428Z JUL 78
FM USMISSION USNATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2793

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 02 USNATO 06789

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: NATO, AORG
SUBJ: COORDINATED COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET EXPERTS
(CCG)

REF: USNATO 6656, PARA 5

-

1. PARA 4 TRANSMITS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER ON THE CCG
CIRCULATED BY SYG LUNS DURING THE PERMREPS' LUNCHEON OF
JULY 4. IN THE LETTER SYG LUNS HAS FINALLY PUT IN
WRITING HIS OPPOSITION TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE CCG.
AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HE NEVER TABLED BEFORE THE
NAC THE 130TH REPORT (CCG(76)4) OF MARCH 16, 1976,
RECOMMENDING ADMISSION OF THE WEATHER CENTER TO THE CCG;
OTHER COUNCILS REFUSED TO TABLE THE REPORT UNTIL THE
NATO COUNCIL HAD APPROVED IT.

2. SYG LUNS PRESENTS TWO ALTERNATIVES, EITHER
(1) NO INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS NOW
IN THE CCG, OR (2) IF INCREASED, NATO SHOULD WITHDRAW
FROM THE CCG. WE SEE THIS AS A MANEUVER ON HIS PART TO
FIND A CHANCE TO LINK NATO MORE CLOSELY WITH THE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USNATO 06789 01 OF 02 111440Z

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, IN VIEW OF THEIR COLLOCATION IN
BRUSSELS. BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IN VIEW OF THE LONG
DELAYS CAUSED BY THE NEED TO COORDINATE AMONG THE
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP, LUNS' LOGIC IS HARD TO DISPUTE
EVEN WHEN THE SECSGEN THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF
PARTICIPATING IN DELAYING TACTICS WITH THE CCG. FACED
WITH FIRM NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE CCG, ALBEIT COMBINED

WITH RECOGNITION BY THE NATIONS OF THE NEED FOR CERTAIN REFORMS FROM WITHIN, THE SECSGEN HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO QUARRELING AMONG THEMSELVES AS TO HOW BEST TO PROCEED TO REGAIN FLEXIBILITY AGAINST A UNITED FRONT OF NATIONS. THE LUNS ALTERNATIVE MAY BE THE METHOD WHICH BEST SUITS THE NATO ENVIRONMENT GIVEN LUNS' NATURAL BENT TOWARD CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE EC. WE WILL FIND IT HARD TO DISPUTE SYG LUNS' ARGUMENTS. HOWEVER, AT LEAST ONE DELEGATION HERE (FRANCE) ALREADY SEES THE ADVANTAGE OF COST SHARING DERIVED FROM A CCG WITH A LARGER MEMBERSHIP. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT LUNS AGAINST WIDENING MEMBERSHIP AT LEAST UNTIL A MAJORITY OF ALLIES APPEAR TO OPPOSE HIM. IN ANY EVENT, WE SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW, PROMPTLY BLOCK ANY CONSIDERATION OF WITHDRAWAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE, PARTICULARLY SHOULD A CLOSER EC-NATO LINK AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CCG BE FORESEEN IN THE LONG TERM.

4.
BEGIN TEXT:

I WROTE TO YOU IN DECEMBER 1976 REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MEDIUM RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS TO BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF THE CO-ORDINATED ORGANISATIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 USNATO 06789 01 OF 02 111440Z

SINCE THAT TIME, ANOTHER ORGANISATION - THE EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE - HAS ALSO FORMALLY REQUESTED AFFILIATION TO CO-ORDINATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN EXPECT YET A FURTHER APPLICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LABORATORY AND POSSIBLY ALSO FROM THE OSLO AND PARIS COMMISSIONS.

I WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION MY MISGIVINGS OVER THIS SITUATION.

I UNDERSTAND FULLY THAT GOVERNMENTS SEE THE EXTENSION OF CO-ORDINATION AS THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO DEAL WITH SALARY CONDITIONS OF THE GREATEST NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. BUT AGAINST THIS APPARENT ADVANTAGE MUST BE WEIGHED A NUMBER OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE OF CONCERN TO ALL OF US BUT WHICH I FEAR ARE BEING OVERLOOKED.

NATO IS A POLITICAL AND MILITARY ORGANISATION. IT HAS OTHER NEEDS THAN THOSE OF ORGANISATIONS WHOSE MISSION IS TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC, AND LITTLE IN COMMON WITH

THEM IN SIZE, STRUCTURE, RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENTS
AND, INDEED, NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE,
FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE STATUS OF STAFF REPRESENTATION
AND THE ROLE WHICH THE STAFF PLAY IN CERTAIN OF THESE
BODIES IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH HAS SO FAR
BEEN CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE WITHIN NATO; IN SOME INSTANCES
IT CAN BE SAID TO APPROACH CO-MANAGEMENT WITH ALL THAT
GOES WITH IT.

THERE IS ALSO THE QUESTION OF THE MACHINERY OF CO-ORDINA-
TION, WHICH WE DISCUSSED LAST NOVEMBER. I SHOULD LIKE
HERE TO CLEAR UP WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USNATO 06789 02 OF 02 111443Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 OMB-01 EB-08 NSC-05 CIAE-00
PM-05 INR-10 L-03 ACDA-12 NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15
SP-02 ICA-11 TRSE-00 OIC-02 OES-09 COME-00 DODE-00
H-01 /111 W

-----088670 111449Z /41

P 111428Z JUL 78
FM USMISSION USNATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2794

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 02 USNATO 06789

IN CALLING ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR A REVIEW OF
CO-ORDINATION MACHINERY I AM NOT TALKING ONLY OF THE
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE; IT IS THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF
CO-ORDINATION, THE EXTREMELY TIME- AND MONEY-CONSUMING
PROCESS OF MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
ADMINISTRATIONS, BETWEEN STAFF ASSOCIATIONS, AND BETWEEN
ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF ASSOCIATIONS WHICH CO-
ORDINATION NECESSITATES, AS WELL AS THE RELATIONSHIP
OF ALL THESE WITH THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND WITH
COUNCILS, WHICH REQUIRE FUNDAMENTAL AND OBJECTIVE
REAPPRAISAL.

THIS PONDEROUS PROCESS TAKES AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF THE
TIME OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, WHO ARE THUS UNABLE TO
DEVOTE THEMSELVES AS THEY SHOULD BE DOING TO THEIR TRUE
FUNCTIONS. IT ALSO RESULTS IN INCREASING PROFESSIONAL
CONTACTS BETWEEN NATO STAFF AND OTHER STAFFS WHO MAY NOT

FULLY SUPPORT OR WHO MAY EVEN BE INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS
OF THE ALLIANCE. I CANNOT FEEL THAT THIS IS PRUDENT.

THE MORE ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE ADDED TO THE CONSULTATION
PROCEDURES, PARTICULARLY ORGANISATIONS WITH QUITE OTHER
FUNCTIONS AND NEEDS, THE MORE ONEROUS THESE PROCEDURES
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USNATO 06789 02 OF 02 111443Z

WILL BECOME AND THE MORE THOSE CONTACTS WILL INCREASE.
THE COST, BOTH IN MONEY AND IN TIME WHICH WOULD OTHER-
WISE BE AVAILABLE FOR PRODUCTIVE WORK, WILL BE GREATLY
AGGRAVATED AND THE DELAYS SO LENGTHENED AS TO BRING
MATTERS TO BREAKING POINT.

I THEREFORE URGE YOU, FIRST, TO ACCEPT THAT WHILE NOTHING
PREVENTS THE APPLICATION OF THE CO-ORDINATED SALARY
SCALES BY SUCH OTHER ORGANISATIONS AS WISH TO USE THEM OR
THE FULL EXCHANGE OF RELEVANT STATISTICAL MATERIAL,
ADDITIONAL ORGANISATIONS CANNOT, AT LEAST FOR THE
PRESENT, BE ACCEPTED AS MEMBERS OF THE CO-ORDINATED
ORGANISATIONS. SECONDLY, TO RECOGNISE THAT THERE
MUST BE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY A REVIEW OF THE WHOLE
CO-ORDINATION PROCEDURE.

IF THIS PROPOSITION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MEMBER GOVERN-
MENTS, I MUST STATE MY CONVICTION THAT IN SPITE OF THE
ADVANTAGES THAT CO-ORDINATION HAS HAD AND COULD CONTINUE
TO HAVE, NATO SHOULD ITSELF CEASE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
CO-ORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS.

END TEXT. WILSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978USNATO06789
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780283-0683
Format: TEL
From: USNATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780772/aaaacino.tel
Line Count: 205
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 057b4977-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 USNATO 6656, 78 PARAMARIBO 5
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2045101
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COORDINATED COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET EXPERTS (CCG)
TAGS: AORG, NATO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/057b4977-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014